

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 6 have been rejected. Claims 1 and 3-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Smith et al. U.S. Pat. No. 6,574,487 (hereinafter "Smith"). Claim 2 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Smith in view of Weissshappel et al. U.S. Pat. No. 5,857, 148 (hereinafter "Weissshappel"). Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Smith in view of Suso et al. U.S. Pat. No. 6,466, 202 (hereinafter "Suso"). Reconsideration of the present application in light of the below remarks is respectfully requested.

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action, claims 1 and 3-5 have been rejected under § 102 over Smith. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Claim 1 explicitly requires that the "first case has a display unit so that a displayed content of said display unit can be seen from both of the front and the back sides of the said first case." Applicant respectfully submits that this feature of the present invention is neither taught nor suggested by Smith.

Smith does not teach or suggest having a display unit so that the content of the display unit can be seen from both the front and the back side. While Smith has inner and outer displays, the two displays do not form a display unit as explicitly required in claim 1. (Smith Fig. 4). The first inner viewport 18 is positioned below the outer second viewport 22, and each display can only be viewed from one side only. (Smith Fig. 4). This two separate display configuration does not read on or suggest the display unit of claim 1 that explicitly requires that the "content of said display unit can be seen from both of the front and the back sides."

Claims 3-5 are dependent on and include all of the limitations of base claim 1. Therefore, all of the above arguments regarding claim 1 apply equally to dependent claims 3-5. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 1 and 3-5 is therefore respectfully requested.

In paragraph 6 of the Office Action, claim 2 was rejected under § 103(a) over Smith in view of Weissappel. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. In rejecting dependant claims 2 under Section 103(a) Weissappel was added to teach the battery limitation recited in claim 2. Claim 2 is dependent on and includes all of the limitations of base independent claim 1. The addition of Weissappel does not cure the deficiency of Smith in reading on claim 2, as claim 2 requires the display unit recited in claim 1. In other words, even with the addition of Weissappel, the Applicant's invention is still novel and non-obvious over Smith in light of Weissappel. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claim 2 is respectfully requested.

In paragraph 7 of the Office Action, claim 6 was rejected under § 103(a) over Smith in view of Suso. The rejection of Claim 6 has been rendered moot as applicants have cancelled claim 6.

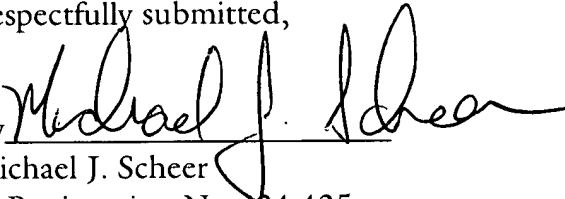
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In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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